

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2004. Claims 1-14 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-14. Applicants have amended claims 1, 7, and 13 and canceled claims 8 and 14. Claims 1-7 and 9-13 are now pending.

I. Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Zahavi et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,577,859), hereinafter *Zahavi*, in view of *Cannon et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,393,272), hereinafter *Cannon*.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Zahavi* in view of *Cannon* and further in view of *Levy et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,577,067), hereinafter *Levy*, or *Satio* (U.S. Patent No. 6,526,263), hereinafter *Satio*.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Zahavi* in view of *Cannon* and further in view of *Bremer* (U.S. Patent No. 6,018,671), hereinafter *Bremer*.

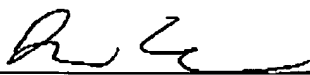
II. Response to Objections and Rejections

On January 6, 2005, Examiner Rexford Barnie extended the courtesy of a telephone interview to Applicants' representative, Bryon Wasserman. During the interview, Examiner Barnie agreed that the present amendments would distinguish the claims over the cited prior art.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in

expediting issuance of a patent. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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